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AIR FREIGHT UP 11.6% IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 28 -- Air freight increased 11.6 percent in April, compared with April a year ago, and was up 8.5 percent in the first four months of this year for the 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in April rose 8.0 percent. Mail increased 9.5 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 8.4 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in April was up 15.9 percent. Mail increased 6.0 percent, and total cargo rose 14.7 percent.

In the first four months of this year, domestic air freight had a gain of 6.5 percent. Mail increased 5.5 percent, and total cargo was up 6.3 percent.

International freight during the first four months rose 11.0 percent. Mail declined 1.8 percent, and total cargo increased 7.6 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
APRIL	1987	341,821	110,021	451,842	301,122	35,840	336,962	642,943	788,804
APRIL	1986	316,425	100,515	416,940	259,920	33,809	293,729	576,345	710,669
PERCENT CHANGE		8.0	9.5	8.4	15.9	6.0	14.7	11.6	11.0
4 MONTHS	1987	1,295,785	418,320	1,714,105	1,092,768	132,866	1,225,634	2,388,553	2,939,739
4 MONTHS	1986	1,216,456	396,465	1,612,921	984,839	135,268	1,120,107	2,201,295	2,733,028
PERCENT CHANGE		6.5	5.5	6.3	11.0	(1.8)	9.4	8.5	7.6

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.